

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the functioning of national institutes/agencies especially with regard to the misappropriation of funds and non-providing the supporting machines/equipments to disabled persons by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, state-wise; and

(c) the details of the remedial measures taken for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) to (c) As far as National Institutes are concerned, complaints are usually received regarding administrative functioning as well as financial irregularities for which adequate administrative action is initiated. As far as non-provision of the supporting machines/equipments is concerned, there is no complaint in the last five years.

#### **Inclusion of castes in OBC category**

†2850. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some of the castes have been included in OBC category by Government of Uttaranchal during last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such castes and sub castes;

(c) whether Central Government have granted eligibility to these said backward castes and regions for reservation in Central Government services; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard and by when these hurdles would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) to (d) Inclusion of castes/communities in the State list of OBCs is the prerogative of the concerned State Governments. However, it does not entitle them for benefit of reservation in Central Government services. Inclusion of any caste in Central list is independently examined by the

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The NCBC examines requests after receiving the representations from time to time and sends advices to the Central Government for inclusion of such castes/ communities in the Central list of OBCs.

### **Functioning of National Institutes for handicapped**

2851. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have ordered that the four National Institutes dealing with diverse handicapped people to avoid camps and have direct interaction on a sustained basis for benefit of handicapped people;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some NGOs have been given numerous districts to be the nodal agencies for all handicapped works;
- (c) if so, the names of NGOs who are in sole charge of more than four districts and the names of such districts;
- (d) the reasons for this administrative decision to shrink the National Institutes; and
- (e) the steps proposed to review this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the current financial year, no such proposal is there.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of above.

### **Establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools in Orissa**

2852. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ten Ekalavya Model Residential Schools have been established in the State of Orissa;
- (b) the exact locations (district and blocks) and whether these Schools differ from the existing Ashram Schools and Sebasrams; and